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Nevada On The Road To Greater Mobility NDOT Board Approves Record Amount For Highway Projects

One of the great privileges I have as Controller for the State of Nevada is to sit on the Board of Directors for the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). As a result of our rapid population growth and increased vehicle traffic, we are now in the midst of the largest highway construction and maintenance program in the state's history. At our October 12th meeting the NDOT Board approved over \$1 billion dollars for transportation projects that will benefit all who live and work here, as well as the millions of visitors who come to Nevada each year.

The following is a list of some of the funded projects currently under construction, and future projects planned for construction in the near future:

- ➤ Hoover Dam Bridge \$114 million
- ➤ U.S. 95 Widening \$156 million
- ➤ I-215/I-515 Henderson Interchange \$82 million
- ➤ Blue Diamond/I-15 Interchange \$32 million
- ➤ U.S. 50A Fernley to Fallon Interchange and Widening \$12.5 million
- ➤ I-580 Freeway Extension/Four Bridges \$80 million
- Carson City Freeway Phase1b \$69 million
- ➤ U.S. 395/I80 Spaghetti Bowl Interchange \$53 million
- ➤ U.S. 395/I-80 Truck Climbing Lanes in Reno \$12.7 million
- ➤ U.S 395 Clear Acre Lane Interchange and Bridge Construction \$31 million
- > State Route 160 From I-15 to Rainbow Widening to Eight Lanes \$55 million
- ➤ I-15 North from Primm to St. Rose Widening \$40 million
- ➤ U.S 95 from Searchlight to SR 163 Widening \$34 million
- ➤ I-15 and St. Rose Pkwy Interchange \$56 million
- ➤ I-15 Mesquite Interchange \$12.7 million
- ➤ U.S 95 Elkhorn Overpass \$13 million
- ➤ I-515 Las Vegas Blvd to Sahara Blvd Construct Sound Walls \$26 million
- ➤ I-15 from U.S 95/Spaghetti Bowl to Apex Widening to 10 Lanes \$225 million
- ➤ I-15 at Charleston/Alta Interchange \$80 million

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As an NDOT Board member I am excited about the construction to ease traffic congestion. However, I am also anxious to look into the future and work with planning organizations and county boards to manage the expected transportation needs in the nation's fastest growing state. It is important we anticipate and plan for future needs in order to avoid unforeseen consequences.

The entire NDOT Board, management and staff share common goals to:

- Improve safety in public transportation;
- Effectively communicate to improve customer satisfaction;
- Develop and deliver beneficial projects in a timely manner;
- Make the most of the department's assets and minimize its risks.

With a firm sense of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going NDOT is poised to continue making progress in meeting the needs of the citizens of Nevada.

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